GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Project Elephant
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken up under 'Project Elephant' in the country;
(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised under the said project during each of the last three years, State-wise;
(c) whether there has been any delay in release of funds to the States; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Financial and technical assistance is provided to elephant range states under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Project Elephant' based on Annual Plan of Operations submitted by the State Governments. The objectives of the Project Elephant Scheme are:
(i) Conservation of Indian elephants and its habitat.
(ii) Addressing issues relating to human elephant conflict.
(iii) Welfare of Captive elephants.

(b) Details of funds allocated, released and utilized under the scheme Project Elephant during last three years are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) The funds are released to State Government on receipt of Annual Plan of Operations and availability of funds under the scheme. State Governments are reminded periodically to submit their Annual Plan of Operations in time and as per norms of the scheme to avoid delays.

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